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SUBJECT: AHARAM EDITORIAL ON DAVIS APPOINTMENT

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1. AYMAN AL AMIR COMMENTS IN COLUMN IN AL AHARAM MAR 19 ABOUT NATHANIEL DAVIS'S APPOINTMENT AS ASST SEC FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. AMIR SAYS: "IT SEEMS AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE IN AFRICA. ALTHOUGH AMERICAN POLICY WAS NOT FULLY ABSENT FROM IMPORTANT EVENTS IN PARTS OF THE CONTINENT, ITS PRESENCE WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY FELT TO SATISFY THOSE INTERESTED IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS. NO REPORT WRITTEN CONCERNING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OMITTED REFERENCES TO A LACK OF PRESENCE IN AFRICA..."

2. AMIR CONTINUES, "BUT MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN AFRICA AND AMERICAN PRESENCE IS NOW MORE GREATLY FELT. A SHORT WHILE AGO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVED NOMINATION OF A KEY MAN FOR AN IMPORTANT POST, NAMELY THAT OF ASST. SEC OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS. THIS MAN IS NATHANIEL DAVIS. WE SHOULD NOT FORGET HIS NAME, BECAUSE HE SERVED AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHILE

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BETWEEN 1971-73. THIS IS TIME LATE PRES ALLENDE TOOK OVER IN

CHILE UNTIL THE END OF HIS RULE AND HIS LIFE, WHEN A COUP WAS STAGED AGAINST HIM IN SEPT 1973. IT IS UNDERSTOOD CIA PLAYED A ROLE IN SUPPORTING FORCES OPPOSING ALLENDE.

3. AMIR COCLUDES, "REMEMBER THIS NAME - NATHANIEL DAVIS - AND WATCH WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN AFRICA IN FUTURE IN LIGHT OF THIS NEW AMERICAN PRESENCE".

4. COMMENT: AFTER UNFORTUNATE OAU RESOLUTION, EMBASSY ENDEAVORED TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH REGARD TO DAVIS APPOINTMENT. AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH FONMIN FAHMY AND EMBOFFS HAVE CALLED SECRETARY'S LETTER TO OAU SYG ETEKI TO ATTENTION OF EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS AND LOCAL PRESS. AMIN IS JOURNALIST IN HIS MID-30'S WHO WORKED FOR MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY (MENA) 62-64 AND LATER WAS MENA CORRESPONDENT IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE HAS BEEN WITH AL AHAM SINCE 1967. HE HAS IMPRESSED EMBASSY PERSONNEL HANDLING PRESS AFFAIRS AS NOT A PARTICULARLY ABLE JOURNALIST, BUT ONE WITH GOOD FAMILY

CONNECTIONS. WE BELIEVE COLUMN IS ISOLATED CHEAP SHOT BY A STAFFER WHO IS SOMEWHAT OUT OF STEP WITH CURRENT AHAM ORIENTATION. IT IS MORE REFLECTIVE OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS WHICH SLIP BY SENIOR EDITORIAL STAFF THAN ANYTHING ELSE.  
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